

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 832

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach DaMonn Fuller and the South Side High School boys' basketball team on their TSSAA Class AA State Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those young men and women who demonstrate character and integrity while also excelling as student athletes; and

WHEREAS, the South Side High School Hawks, led by Head Coach DaMonn Fuller, recently completed an outstanding season, winning the school's first-ever TSSAA Class AA State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the team has experienced a season of great success, ending the season with a tremendous 32-2 record; and

WHEREAS, the Hawks defeated Lexington 69-54, winning its first District 14-AA championship in fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, the South Side team was able to beat Lexington again 52-40 in the regional tournament, winning its second consecutive Region 7-AA title; and

WHEREAS, during a successful run in the state tournament, the Hawks faced CPA, who ended the Hawks' state tournament run in 2013; however, the Hawks won the 2014 re-match with a jump shot in the last 1.6 seconds to defeat CPA 59-57 and end CPA's ninety-four game winning streak against Tennessee teams; and

WHEREAS, South Side faced off against the East Nashville Eagles in the state championship game, and after a fierce game ending with double overtime, the Hawks secured victory with a score of 91-83, a deserving ending for a team unafraid of a challenge; and

WHEREAS, the team is fortunate to have the leadership and expertise of Head Coach DaMonn Fuller; and

WHEREAS, the South Side roster is composed of fine young men who represent the epitome of the student athlete while serving as ambassadors for their school, their community, and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, South Side players Malik Hicks, Jaylen Bartford, Christ McNeal, and Terrikous Smith were named to the all-tournament team, with Hicks also being recognized as state tournament MVP after a game-high twenty-nine points in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, the South Side Hawks have reached the apex of Tennessee high school basketball as state champions, and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Head Coach DaMonn Fuller and the South Side High School boys' basketball team on winning the TSSAA Class AA State Championship and wish them much continued success next season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.